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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 36,410; Week ago 38,482; Year ago 35,424 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. ST	EERS:	Fdr. HI	EIFERS:	Hols. S	STEERS
361 lbs.	152.00	358 lbs.	134.85	349 lbs.	115.29
450 lbs.	138.35	456 lbs.	124.31	460 lbs.	102.70
548 lbs.	131.17	544 lbs.	119.15	563 lbs.	96.36
644 lbs.	124.90	643 lbs.	114.67	628 lbs.	91.11
753 lbs.	118.59	732 lbs.	109.49	742 lbs.	89.26
853 lbs.	116.03	856 lbs.	103.51	836 lbs.	91.12
933 lbs.	111.07	941 lbs.	101.35	902 lbs.	84.00
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SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 6450; Week ago 7179; Year ago 7336 Compared to last week, steer and heifer calves were steady to 4.00 lower instances 6.00 lower, yearling cattle over 700 lbs steady. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower. Bulls weak to 2.00 lower.

	EERS:		FERS:
Medium a	and Large 1	Medium a	and Large 1
250-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	Scarce 144.00-157.50 130.00-138.00 130.00-140.50 116.00-128.50 111.00-116.50		Scarce 120.00-136.00 114.00-133.00 109.00-120.00 104.00-117.50 103.50-110.00
800-900 lbs.	109.00	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
Large 3 320-360 lbs. Pkg 468 lbs. 575-585 lbs. Load 828 lbs.	Holsteins 118.00-122.00 109.00 92.50-94.00 92.00	SLAUGHTER C Breaking and Bo lean) 45.00-53.5 50.00-57.00. Lea 41.00-47.50, low 41.00.	oning (70-85% 0, high dressing an (85-90%)
	BULLS: Yield 0-2575 lbs 55.00- sing 47.50-52.50		T COWS: rge 1-2, 2 to 6 yrs and and 3rd stage

COW & CALF PAIRS: Me-

dium and Large 1-2 3 yrs to ss

750-1300 lbs with baby to 250

lbs calves 920.00-1060.00.

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750.00-1020.00 per head, couple

lots home raised 6 yrs to ss 1050-

830.00-920.00 per head. Several 7

yrs to ss 1100-1400 lbs mostly single lots 2nd and 3rd stage 580.00-725.00 per head.

1200 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 10,225; week ago 11,625; year ago 11,434 Cow and Bull Receipts 1746; week ago 2036; year ago 2310 Compared to last week, steers 400 to 650 lbs 2.00 to 6.00 lower, 650-800 lbs 1.00 to 3.00 lower, over 800 lbs steady, heifers over 400 lbs 1.00 to 5.00 lower, steers and heifers under 400 lbs steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows uneven 2.00 lower to 1.00 higher.

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STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and	Large 1 &1-2	Medium and	d Large 1&1-2
300-400 lbs.	131.00-178.00	300-400 lbs.	119.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	119.00-149.00	400-500 lbs.	110.00-129.00
500-600 lbs.	116.00-135.50	500-600 lbs.	106.50-124.50
600-700 lbs.	116.50-126.50	600-700 lbs.	105.00-117.25
700-800 lbs.	109.00-121.25	700-800 lbs.	99.50-111.50
800-900 lbs.	107.00-112.75	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
HOLS	TEINS:	SLAUGHTER	COWS: Breaking
Large	Frame 3	and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-	
200 200 11	0	55.50, high dres	ssing 49.50-62.00
200-300 lbs.	Scarce	Lean (85-90%)	40.00-48.00, low
300-400 lbs.	101.00-127.00	dressing 30.00-	44.00
400-500 lbs.	95.00-112.00		
500-600 lbs.	90.00-105.00	SLAUGHTER	BULLS: Yield
600-700 lbs.	85.00-98.50	Grade 1-2, 1280)-2450 lbs 57.00-
700-800 lbs.	81.50-93.50	64.00; high dres	ssing 64.00-71.50,
800-900 lbs.	89.00-93.00	low dressing 51	.50-58.00.
REPLACEMEN	T COWS:	COW & CALF	PAIRS: Medium
Medium and Lar	ge 1-2, 2 yrs to ss,	and Large 1-2, 3	yrs to ss 930-
945-1345 lbs, 2n	d and 3rd stage	1320 lbs. with 1	25 to 350 lb
675.00-950.00, s	everal blacks, blk/	calves, some reb	ored 975.00-
whiteface, reds,	950.00-1000.00	1150.00 per pair	
per head.			
NORTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (St. Joe. Maryville)			

(St. Joe, Maryville) Receipts: 2831, Week ago 3082, Year ago 1782

lbs with 150 to 200 lb calves

1400.00 per pair.

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower, slaughter bulls steady to weak.

FEEDER	STEERS:	FEEDER :	<u>HEIFERS</u> :
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
400-500 lbs.	135.00-141.00	300-400 lbs.	133.00-138.50
500-600 lbs.	127.00-142.75	: 400-500 lbs.	119.50-133.00
600-700 lbs.	125.00-128.25	500-600 lbs.	115.75-128.75
700-800 lbs.	115.00-123.85	600-700 lbs.	108.00-125.85
800-900 lbs.	114.85-115.10	700-800 lbs.	108.85-117.75
900-1000 lbs.	103.85	900-1000 lbs.	91.25-101.05
REPLACEMENT Medium and Larg		SLAUGHTER C and Boning (70-8 55.00, high dress Lean (85-90%) 4 dressing up to 52	35% lean) 48.00- ing 52.00-57.75, 1.00-50.00, high
COW & CALF P. and Large 1, 4 to		SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1495-	

63.00, high dressing 64.00-65.00.

WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)
Receipts 3934; Week ago 5463; Year ago 2471–2 sales
Feeders steers and heifers steady to 7.00 lower. Slaughter cows Steady to 2.00 lower.

	STEERS: Large 1& 1-2		HEIFERS: Large 1 & 1-2
300-400 lbs 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	134.50-157.00 124.50-149.00 122.25-142.00 110.00-135.25 106.00-123.50 104.00-115.00	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	115.00-143.00 112.00-137.00 108.00-126.50 104.50-118.50 101.50-112.25 104.75-110.00
REPLACEMEN' Medium and Lar ss, 955-1450 lbs, 750.00-1000.00 p	ge 1-2, 2 yrs to 2nd to 3rd stage	and Boning (70- 52.75, High dres	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 45.25-ssing 49.75-61.00, 44.50-48.00, Low 12.75
COW & CALF F and Large 1-2, 2 1250 lbs with bal calves 825.00-10	yrs to 7 yrs, 885- by to 400 lb	SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1155 66.00, low dress	-2135 lbs 57.00-

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 3062, Week ago 4784, Year ago 3289 Compared to last week feeders steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows

1.00 to 2.00 lower.	ly to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows
<u>FEEDER STEERS:</u>	<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :
Medium and Large 1& 1-2	Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	144.00-178.00	300-400 lbs.	125.00-145.00
400-500 lbs.	130.00-150.00	400-500 lbs.	120.00-137.50
500-600 lbs.	122.00-137.50	500-600 lbs.	113.50-128.50
600-700 lbs.	117.50-132.50	600-700 lbs	113.00-125.25
700-800 lbs.	112.50-123.25	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	114.00	800-850 lbs.	Scarce
SLAUGHTER ST	EERS: High	SLAUGHTER (COWS: Breaking,
Select and Choice	2-4 81.50-87.00	Boning, and Lea	ın (70-90% lean)
		42.00-52.00, high	sh dressing 50.00-
		58.75, low dress	sing 35.00-45.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Select and Choice 2-4 81.00-86.25 Grade 1-2, 1300-2850 lbs, 55.00-65.00, high dressing 66.00-68.75.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon) Feeder Cattle Receipts 5196; week ago 2374; year ago 4461 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 100; 2 week ago 117; year ago 72 Feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter steers and heifers 3.00 to 4.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1		FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1&1-2	
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	154.00-166.00 140.00-158.00 128.00-145.00 125.00-140.00 120.50-129.25 113.70-122.20 107.00-113.70	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	135.00-153.00 127.00-143.00 120.00-134.00 116.50-128.25 108.25-117.50 102.75-111.25
SLAUGHTER ST Choice 2-3 1200-1 86.10		SLAUGHTER C and Boning (75-5 56.00, low dress	85% lean) 47.00-
SLAUGHTER HE		SLAUGHTER B	

2-3 1000-1350 lbs. 82.50-84.00

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Grade 1-2, 1400-2000 lbs. 57.50-67.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 2404; Week ago 1874; Year ago 2135 Compared to last week, steers and heifers under 500 lbs 3.00 to 7.00 lower, over 500 lbs 1.00 to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 lower, and bulls steady.

<u>FEEDER STEERS:</u>		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :	
Medium and Large 1-2		Medium and Large 1-2	
300-400 lbs.	127.50-142.00	200-300 lbs.	126.00-134.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-137.50	300-400 lbs.	110.50-133.00
500-600 lbs.	110.00-129.00	400-500 lbs.	110.00-125.50
600-700 lbs.	110.00-122.00	500-600 lbs.	102.00-117.00
700-800 lbs.	100.25-116.00	600-700 lbs.	98.75-113.50
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 1020-1410 lbs, 2nd-3rd stage 560.00-925.00 per head.		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 45.00-50.25; high dressing 51.50-55.00. Lean 35.25-41.00.	
COW & CALF F Medium and Lar 1020-1235 lbs w calves 815.00-92	ge 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs ith baby to 150 lb	,	BULLS: Yield -1965 lbs, 54.00- sing 62.75-63.50.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 3252, Week ago 3789, Year ago 3994

Compared to last week steer and heifer calves 2.00 to 10.00 lower, yearlings steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> : Medium and Large 1 & 1-2	
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300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	125.00-143.00
400-500 lbs.	126.00-150.00	400-500 lbs.	116.50-136.00
500-600 lbs.	122.50-138.00	500-600 lbs.	115.50-130.00
600-700 lbs.	117.25-130.00	600-700 lbs.	114.50-119.00
700-800 lbs.	115.00-118.50	700-750 lbs.	110.00-116.00
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 1plus to 2 years, 900-1000 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage bred to calving ease bulls 1150.00-1300.00 per head.		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-53.00, high dressing 52.00-58.75, Lean (85-90%) 42.00-47.50, low dressing 37.00-42.50.	
COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 9 yrs 950-1200 lbs with 250-450 lb calves, rebred 1050.00-1375.00 per pair.		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1225 62.50, high dress dressing 53.00-5	-2000 lbs. 57.00- sing 66.25, low

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 400; Week ago 400; Year ago 100 Compared to last week, trade inactive as of 8:00 am Friday morning. Few live sales 2.50 lower. Dressed sales on grid basis 2.00 to 4.00 lower. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

STEERS: few 60% Choice 1350 lbs 88.00 late last Friday.	STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: No Sales
HEIFERS: no sales reported	GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs 143.00- 145.00 late last Friday.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 11,109, Week ago 11,649; Year ago 10,667 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 4.00 lower. Sows 1.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS: SOWS:

Base carcass meat price 58.00-300-500 lbs 33.00-35.00 62.50. Weekly top Tuesday 63.00 Over 500 lbs 36.00-39.00

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 13.166

30.00.

Compared to last week, weaner pigs mostly steady and feeder pigs not

tested. Supply and Demand Moderate.

All pig prices based on a delivered basis including freight and fees.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 90% formulated 13,166 head 10 lbs 32.00-35.42, weighted average 10 lbs 33.77

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated None reported

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 49,000; Week ago 50,000; Year ago 53,000

Slaughter Lambs steady to 2.00 Slaughter Lambs: Choice and lower Prime 2-3 wooled 110-125 92.00-Slaughter Ewes Steady 94.00, 125-140 lbs 94.00-96.00. Feeder Lambs Steady Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-3 30.00-40.00, Cull 1 20.00-1-2 50-70 lbs 100.00-110.00, 70-

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90 lbs 90.00-100.00.

Conditions of pastures continue to improve throughout the state, with the northern part of the state seeing the most improvement. The southern part of the state continues to struggle with grass and water supplies as feeding season nears. Most all buyers continue to look north to find hay to truck. Most all hay is in round bales and is beef quality, consisting of various grasses. Hay supply moderate to light, demand moderate. Prices steady to firm. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429).(All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa (RFV>185) 135.00-160.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 100.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa(RFV130-170) Round bales 40.00-80.00 Small, Big squares 70.00-110.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-4.50 per bale, 30.00-60.00 per large round bale Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-100.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 40.00-70.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-100.00 Good quality Brome 40.00-70.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 15.00-35.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 25.00-45.00 per round bale Fair quality large round bales Fescue 15.00-30.00 per bale Wheat hay 50.00-70.00 Wheat straw 1.75-3.00 per small bale. Corn stalks 20.00 per large round bale.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Dairy Cattle Receipts 1590, (Norwood 9/14/06) Springer Heifers: Supreme 1700.00-2000.00, Approved 1400.00-1675.00, Medium 1050.00-1350.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1600.00-1860.00, Approved 1300.00-1575.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1200.00-1390.00, 600-700 lbs 1110.00-1290.00, 500-600 lbs 1100.00-1190.00 400-500 lbs 975.00-1110.00, 300-400 lbs 930.00-1065.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 400.00-590.00. small 200.00-370.00, Holstein Bulls 165.00-235.00, Jersey Heifers 135.00-170.00.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date Last week	655,000 661,000	2,133,000 2,123,000	49,000 50,000
Last Year	641,000	2,096,000	53,000
2006 yr. to date	24,257,000	73,801,000	1,843,000
2005 yr. to date	23,370,000	73,304,000	1,854,000

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	163.60	175.50	110.00	73.00
St. Louis	179.00	163.00	130.00	63.00

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans unch to .01 lower, Wheat .21 to .27 higher, Corn .12 to .14 higher, KC Wheat .19 to .20 higher, Soybean meal 2.00 to 3.80 higher.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans Nov Jan Mar May Jul	553 565 3/4 577 586 3/4 596 1/2	544 1/4 557 1/4 568 3/4 579 1/4 588 1/2	549 1/4 562 1/4 573 1/2 583 593	558 571 1/2 582 1/4 591 1/2 600 3/4	549 1/4 562 1/4 573 1/2 583 592 3/4
Wheat Dec Mar May Jul Sep	395 1/2 413 422 1/2 428 1/2 437 1/2	409 426 436 441 449	407 3/4 425 1/2 435 439 3/4 448	421 1/2 439 1/4 446 450 3/4 458	419 436 1/4 444 448 456
Corn Dec Mar May Jul Sep	247 3/4 261 1/2 268 3/4 276 280 1/4	246 1/2 260 1/4 267 3/4 275 1/4 280 1/4	249 262 1/4 269 1/4 276 3/4 281 3/4	257 1/4 270 277 284 287 3/4	255 1/4 268 1/2 275 3/4 283 1/4 287 1/2
KC Wheat Dec Mar May Jul Sep	466 474 465 445 1/4 452	480 3/4 488 1/4 477 1/2 459 468	476 1/4 483 3/4 474 456 464	484 1/4 492 1/4 485 465 1/2 473	481 1/2 489 1/2 482 461 1/4 468
SB Meal Oct Dec Jan Mar May	164.10 165.10 166.10 168.60 170.70	162.10 162.60 163.60 166.20 168.20	165.80 165.80 166.80 168.60 170.50	168.30 168.10 169.10 171.00 173.00	165.20 165.30 166.00 168.30 170.50

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .02 to .55 lower, Lean Hogs 1.12 to 4.65 lower, Pork Bellies 1.75 to 2.90 lower, Feeder Cattle .97 to 1.97 lower.

1		Daily Futures Closes				
		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	Cattle Oct Dec Feb Apr Jun	90.90 91.10 91.77 91.00 86.65	90.12 90.27 91.15 90.45 86.00	89.05 88.85 89.95 89.55 85.37	89.75 89.35 90.32 90.10 85.75	90.10 89.80 90.80 90.15 85.95
Ī	Lean Hogs Oct Dec Feb Apr May	64.70 61.67 63.00 63.45 66.37	64.92 62.12 63.47 63.85 66.80	64.17 61.27 62.95 63.62 66.75	63.85 61.15 62.85 63.52 66.80	62.65 60.30 61.67 62.55 65.90
	Prk Bel Feb Mar May Jul Aug	88.60 88.30 90.20 90.00 90.00	89.20 89.07 90.42 90.30 90.30	87.50 87.30 89.00 90.00 90.30	87.00 87.00 88.75 89.75 90.30	86.50 86.40 88.50 89.50 89.50
	Fdr Cat Sep Oct Nov Jan Mar	117.70 116.17 115.65 112.65 109.32	117.20 115.35 114.35 111.80 108.75	116.02 113.87 112.55 110.30 107.00	116.42 114.15 113.12 110.45 107.40	116.05 115.05 113.65 111.05 107.50
	Milk Sep Oct Nov	12.25 12.40 12.41	12.28 12.39 12.40	12.28 12.35 12.34	12.28 12.50 12.48	12.28 12.70 12.60

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .06 lower to .15 higher Wheat .08 to .14 higher Corn .12 to .18 higher Grain Sorghum .22 to .23 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy- bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.28 5.24 5.29 5.38 5.29	3.16 3.31 3.26 3.34 3.32	2.21-2.23 2.22-2.23 2.24-2.25 2.32-2.33 2.30-2.31	3.80 3.79 3.82 3.96 3.93
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.52-5.58 5.44-5.52 5.45-5.57 5.60-5.66 5.51	3.56 3.69 3.71 3.85 3.82	2.48-2.50 2.49-2.50 2.52 2.58-2.60 2.54-2.56	4.69 4.67 4.75 4.89 4.76
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	4.98-5.03 4.89-5.20 4.97-4.99 5.06-5.08 4.97-5.10	3.14-3.26 3.25-3.39 3.26-3.38 3.40-3.47 3.35-3.44	2.17-2.18 2.15-2.17 2.18-2.19 2.26-2.32 2.29-2.30	3.53 3.51-3.57 3.55 3.69 3.75-3.92
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.50-5.58 5.41-5.50 5.47-5.54 5.56-5.63 5.45-5.54	3.47-3.70 3.61-3.84 3.70-3.83 3.83-3.93 3.83-3.97	2.43-2.49 2.43-2.46 2.43-2.51 2.51-2.59 2.49-2.54	4.71-4.75 4.67-4.78 4.78-4.83 4.85-4.94 4.82-4.91

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT) *NEW CROP

Weekly Crop Report

Rain interrupted harvest activities for many farmers during the week and slowed the dry-down of maturing crops. Sporadic progress was still made in corn and milo harvest, keeping the harvest pace at or above normal on a statewide basis for those crops. Rice harvest is ahead of normal in the Bootheel, while the cotton harvest is in its initial stages. A smattering of wheat seeding and soybean harvest were the other activities of the week. Topsoil moisture supplies are rated 20 percent very short, 30 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, an increase of 6 points in adequate to surplus over last week. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Field Crops Report: Ninety percent of the **corn** crop is mature, 3 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 5-year average of 83 percent. Harvest is 44 percent complete, 1 day ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of normal. Field reporters continue to find yield coming in higher than expected. Soybeans turning color is at 67 percent, 1 day behind last year but 3 days ahead of normal. Thirtytwo percent is dropping leaves, 1 day behind last year but 1 day ahead of normal. Six percent of the crop is mature, marginally behind last year and average. Condition of the bean crop rates 6 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 7 percent excellent, a slight improvement from last week. Ninety-three percent of the sorghum crop is turning color, even with last year but 3 days ahead of normal. Sorghum mature is at 65 percent, 1 day behind last year but 4 days ahead of average. Sorghum harvest is 23 percent complete, about even with last year and the normal pace. Condition of the crop is rated 1 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Pasture & Livestock: Pasture condition rates 35 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. While statewide pasture condition has steadily improved in recent weeks, most of the gains have been in the northwest and north-central districts. Other districts continue to languish with most of their pastures ranging from fair to very poor in condition. Lack of livestock water and winter hay supply remains a concern in the southern two-thirds of the State.